

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on Agricultural Risk Protection Act.

The House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2559, Agricultural Risk Protection Act.

The House passed H.R. 3916, Repeal of Spanish-American War Telephone Excise Tax.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 331, Commending Israel for Its Withdrawal From Southern Lebanon.

House Committees ordered reported 7 sundry measures, including the Defense and Interior appropriations for fiscal year 2001, and the Death Tax Elimination Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2630–2668, S. Res. 314–316, and S. Con. Res. 118.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2277, to terminate the application of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the People's Republic of China. (S. Rept. No. 106–305)

S. 1854, to reform the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 336, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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2000 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 280, authorizing the 2000 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Moment of Remembrance: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 302, calling on the people of the United States to observe a National Moment of Remembrance to honor the men and women of the United States who died in the pursuit of freedom and peace, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Sierra Leone Civil War Crimes: Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the crimes and abuses committed against the people of Sierra Leone by the Revolutionary United Front.

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Honoring Vietnam Veterans: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration H.R. 3293, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Immigration and Naturalization Service Data Management Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 4489, to amend section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, clearing the measure for the President.

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Honoring Judge Daniel H. Thomas: Senate agreed to S. Res. 316, honoring Senior Judge Daniel H. Thomas of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama. **Pages S4504–05**

Legislative Branch Appropriations: Senate completed consideration of S. 2603, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 113), Mikulski Amendment No. 3166, to express the sense of the Senate commending the United States Capitol Police. **Pages S4405–06**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate agreed to the motion to advance the bill to third reading. **Pages S4406–07**

Subsequently, S. 2603 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S4407**

Agricultural Risk Protection Act—Conference Report: By 91 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, and to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4416–43**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice concerning the Continuation of Emergency with Respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), the Bosnian Serbs, and Kosovo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–110) **Page S4458**

Transmitting pursuant to law a 6-month periodic report to Congress on the National Emergencies with Respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro); referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–111) **Pages S4458–59**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert S. LaRussa, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

Robin Chandler Duke, of New York, to be Ambassador to Norway.

Marc E. Leland, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2003.

Harriet M. Zimmerman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2003. (Reappointment)

Donald J. Sutherland, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2002. (Reappointment)

Stephen M. Orlofsky, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

33 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—115) **Pages S4406–07, S4441**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 336, adjourned at 5:20 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, June 6, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4505.)

Committee Meetings

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COMPETITION AND INNOVATION IN CREDIT CARD INDUSTRY

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Subcommittee on Financial Institutions concluded hearings on competition and innovation in the credit card industry at the consumer and network level, after receiving testimony from Philip J. Purcell, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and Co., Harvey Golub, American Express, and Noah J. Hanft, MasterCard International Incorporated, all of New York, New York; Paul Allen, Visa U.S.A. Inc., Foster City, California; Frank Torres, III, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; and David S. Evans, National Economic Research Associates, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts.

INTERNET PRIVACY POLICIES

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Committee held hearings to examine a Federal Trade Commission report of Internet privacy policies issues, including collection and use of consumers' personal information by commercial sites on the World Wide Web, and begin the process of developing consensus about the best way to enable consumers to protect their privacy online, receiving testimony from Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, and Sheila F. Anthony, Mozelle W. Thompson, Orson Swindle, and Thomas B. Leary, all Commissioners, all of the Federal Trade Commission; Jill A. Lesser, America Online, Inc., Christine Varney, Hogan and Hartson, on behalf of the Online Privacy Alliance, and Jerry Berman, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.; Jason Catlett, Junkbusters Corporation, Green Brook, New Jersey; and Daniel J. Weitzner, World Wide Web Consortium, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

U.S. NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION

C ttee e y t e ce Committee held oversight hearings to examine the benefits of natural gas, including its natural abundance, clean-burning attributes, cost and efficiency advantages, and safe and reliable delivery, and the potential for a sharp increase of United States consumption over the next decade, receiving testimony from Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; William F. Martin, Washington Policy and Analysis, Washington, D.C.; Robert W. Best, Atmos Energy Corporation, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the American Gas Association; Laurence M. Downes, New Jersey Resources Cor-

poration, Wall, New Jersey, on behalf of the Distributed Power Coalition of America; and Paul C. Kerkhoven, Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition, Arlington, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

SNOWMOBILE PARK PROHIBITION

C ttee e y t e ce Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to examine the status of planning efforts regarding the use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and on the recent decision by the Department of the Interior to prohibit snowmobile activities in other units of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; Kim Raap, Wyoming State Parks Department, Cheyenne; Mark Simonich, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Helena; Chris Twoney, Arctic Cat, Inc., Thief River Falls, Minnesota, on behalf of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association; Sean Smith, Bluewater Network, San Francisco, California; Tim Wade, Park County Commission, Cody, Wyoming, on behalf of the Cooperating Counties in the Winter Use; Michael D. Scott, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Bozeman, Montana, on behalf of the Wilderness Society and the Natural Resources Defense Council; Kevin Collins, National Parks Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; Teri Manning, Wyoming State Snowmobile Association, Jackson Hole, Wyoming; and William Manson, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on behalf of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, Inc.

BREAST CANCER SEMIPOSTAL STAMPS

C ttee e e t Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the U.S. Postal Service campaign on the issuance of the Breast Cancer Research semipostal stamps, and the future of fund-raising stamps, after receiving testimony from Senators DeWine and Feinstein; Deborah K. Willhite, Senior Vice President, Government Relations and Public Policy, United States Postal Service; and Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

INTERNET SECURITY AND PRIVACY

C ttee the c y Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation to enhance the protections of the Internet and the critical infrastructure of the United States, related to Internet security and privacy issues, and the development and implementation of public policies that advance these